

Amendments to the claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

C1
4. (twice amended) The catalyst of claim 1, wherein said particulate has a particle size of between about 10 and about 40 Angstroms.

C2 D1
SUM
23. (amended) The catalyst of claim 16, wherein said at least one metal oxide comprises fine-grained oxide and course-grained oxides.

C3
46. (amended) The catalyst of claim 43, wherein said at least one metal oxide comprises an oxide of Mn and Ni.

REMARKSThe Interview

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Nguyen for meeting with applicants' representatives on June 26, 2002. During the interview, applicants' invention was discussed and distinguished over the prior art.